Special Chapter 12A

The Front of Coin

Eeveelution SQUAD

Are you girls ready?
Yup.
Let's gather all of our possessions. Our ship will leave at 10 o'clock.
Espeon?
Yes?
What about CC? We're going home today.
Crystal's right. What should we do with her?
She should remember almost everything now. We just need her to trigger the rest.
I know, why not bring her to where Glaceon found her? Maybe there's something there to trigger her memory.
Not a bad idea. If we hurry, we should have around an hour and a half to do it.
Lazuli, are you up to this?
I guess so. I started this, so I should be the one to end it.
Let's prepare ourselves then check on the boys.
Later...
Is everyone ready?
Yup.
Did you close everything yet?
Did it.
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And you, I hope you'll find a way home today.
You're on your own once we get on the ship.
I understand.
Hey, I want you to follow me when we get to the shore.
Okay.
Let's go have breakfast before we head to the ship.
Sounds like a plan.
After breakfast...
Back at the shore...
Reminds me of the first day of vacation...
We have about an hour left before the ship leaves.
CC and I have to go somewhere. I'll be right back.
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Don't get lost out there!
I won't! Come on.
Okay.
Are they...?
Lazuli is taking her to where she found her. Hopefully, she'll remember how to get back home.
So it's a 50/50 chance she'll return home?
Let's hope it'll be over soon. Come on, let's go wait inside.
I'll stay out here. All of you go ahead.
Hmm...
Over here.
This was where I found you.
I see...
Hey, CC, there's something over there. Let's check it out.
That's my backpack.
Entercards... They're still here.
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Do you remember anything?
I remember everything now. I also remember how to use these cards to reopen the Magnagate.
That's great.
Stand back.
It worked...
...looks like this is my good bye.
Wait!
Hey, Gai... I have to go back home now.
That's nice.
I know... I just thought I could come and see you one last time.
I want you to have this.
What's this?
It's a little device that can communicate to my world. Whenever you want to talk to me, feel free to use it.
I'll remember this.
Goodbye. Tell the others I said bye.
I will let everyone know! Farewell!
Bye!
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And she's gone.
Yeah, she is...
Hey.
You really liked that girl, huh?
Yeah?
Hard to put into words. We haven't talked that much.
Oh.
You know, I like you. You have my blessing to either be Yellow's first wife or second wife.
First, second wife...?
...
Hey... What's the meaning of this?!
I'll sure envy him when he's married.
Hey, answer me!
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Okay, the thing is I just want to have him as my little brother-in-law, that's all.
Can't help it.
You want him and Silvia together?
No wonder your sister doesn't like you, you creep.
Hmph!
I'm proud of who I am.
Later...

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There you are. Where's the other girl?
Well... She's gone.
She found a way to return home.
She wanted everyone to know that she said goodbye.
Aw... but it's nice to know that she was able to find a way home.
Yeah.
Come on, let's go inside and tell the others about this.
Okay.
Hey, you're coming?
Right behind you.
Soon...
So that girl found her way home?
Yes.
Good for her.
Sunshine, let's go see big brother-Gai.
Aye.
Big brother-Gai?
Yeah?
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Big brother-Gai, are you alright?
Oh, um... Yup.
Did big sister-CC really find her way home?
Yeah, you heard it.
Do you... want to talk?
I guess so.
At the start, I only viewed her as just another pretty face. Then later on, I saw her shadow thingy that came out of nowhere.
That kinda made almost all the adults distrust her.
If I had to say something, I'd say it wasn't her fault that she was born like that, having all those ridiculous powers. She was just made to be that way.
But I still wished she was more simple, you know. I didn't want her to be seen as a freak.
Did you like big sis-CC?
If I really have to answer this... Yeah, I did. Oddly enough, I'm missing her already.
Even if our first talk was rather strange, it was just... nice to be comfortable around a girl.
But big brother-Gai, you seem comfortable around me.
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That's because you're still too young...
Too young?
Never mind.
As I was saying, her shadow thingy came again and this time, more than one. It was super weird.
But that didn't stop me from getting close.
With the limited time we had, we had another talk after spending some time together. This time, it went rather well, didn't feel as strange.
How did you feel when she left?
Oh.... Well, I really felt bad that she had to go...
Hey, don't worry. Wherever she is, I'm sure she'll be happy.
I want to hold on to this memory...
...just a little longer... before I have to let it go.
If her version of me is anything like me, I'm sure he'll make her happy.
Ooh, I remember!
Big sis-CC said her big brother-Gai liked stalking girls. Do you like it too?
Um... About that...
Kiddos, I have a confession to make.
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Big brother-Gai...?
I also did the same thing he did.
What...? B-but... it can't be true!
Big brother-Gai, you also did it like big sis-CC's big brother-Gai?
For the most part...
?
Come on, everyone has their own hobby. It's just some are weirder than the others.
I'd rather have you lose your faith in me honestly than mislead you with a lie.
Now that you know, don't ever try to follow my footsteps unless you're master at dodging or have super strong durability.
Um... I guess so...
But seriously, don't ever try to follow my footsteps.
Sunshine and I... have to go.
Go?
Come on.
Sorry, big brother-Gai.
Don't be.
I can't believe big brother-Gai is--
Funny?
I guess he is, but he's also...
Never mind.

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Let's go see my mom. I think it's almost time to get on the ship.
Aye.
Soon...
Yo, what are you going to do once we return home?
Checking our garden.
Right, it's been a week since we left.
Get back to work already? Lame.
Mollie?
Yes?
Sure.
Mind If I ask you something?
You didn't show much emotion last night. I mean you found your long-lost kids.
Any reason why?
Give her some slack. It did happen out of the blue.
I know, but she accepted it too fast.
Pearl!
Yes?
You know something about Mollie's kids? They're 100% her kids, right?
Yes, I did multiple DNA tests on them and their results... matched.
Why didn't you tell Mollie sooner?
I wanted to, but...
It's okay, I'm sure you have a good reason.
Sorry about that, Mrs. Mollie.
Don't be.
Grandma!
Oh hi, Sunshine. How are you doing?
Great!
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I'm just trying to help. I think you should really talk to your kids.
Mom?
What is it?
Is it time to go?
Right, we all should get on the ship. It's almost time.
Hey, you know where Speedy is?
Here.
I meant real him, not plushy.
Oh.
I'm over here.
Nice eye visors! Reminds me of the goggles I gave you.
Really? When?
It was a long time ago.
By the way, any reason why you bought these visors?
It's happening again... Are you going to be okay?
Yeah, in a way. At least I now know it's happening for a reason.
What's that in your backpack? The thing that is attached to your head?
Battery?
What do you even need it for?
I found that battery works better at keeping me awake than coffee.
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Besides, this battery isn't something you can find in Sunny Town every day.

You're not a robot, Speedy.

I know, it just works.

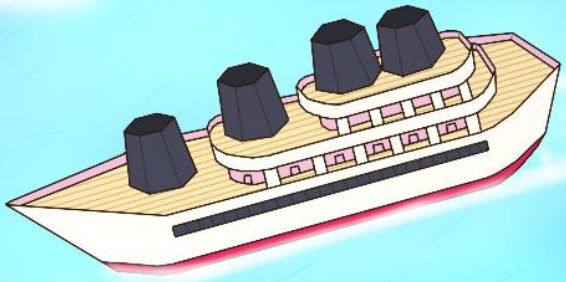
At least I won't have to make any excuse or cover your eyes anymore.

Hey, this gives me an idea!

Let's ask Pearl to have all of us visit a cloth shop before we go home. We'll each buy our accessories and our own clothing.

Not a bad idea.

Later...



Next stop, Sunny Town!

Actually, our next stop is between Terra Town and Sunny Town.

So you want to visit a cloth shop before our treehouse?

Yup, can we?

Well... our treehouse is closer than the town. It'd be smarter to go home first.

We could go sightseeing in the evening. I want to show Axel around the house before taking him to the town.

We could visit some shops during our sightseeing.

Sounds good.

Hey, Crystal.

You call me Crystal now?

Um... Didn't everyone talk about this back at the museum?

I know, I know.

You know, I've never thought I'd ever get to see my mommy.

Well, it's nice that you found her.

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Speaking of which, I'm going to see my mommy right now!
That's... nice.
I wish I got to see my mommy too.
If I got to meet mine, I'm sure you'll meet yours!
See you inside!
We're going after my sis, you're coming too?
No, thanks. I'll be with you guys later.
Okay.
Hey.
Oh, hi.
You're doing alright?
Yup.
I see... I just wanna say thanks.
For what?
For what you had said to me a few days ago at that park.
A few days ago... I don't remember hanging out with...
Aren't we suppose to go shopping?
Come on, we still have a whole day to do it~
Oh... It was nothing...
Pearl was in my body back then...
It's still hard for me to approach others, but I'm slowly doing it now, starting with the kids. You wanted me to smile more, I'll do it. I won't disappoint you.
That's nice...
What do you know? We'd better head inside now!

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Meanwhile...
I have so many things I want to ask you!
What was daddy like? How did you and daddy fall in love with each other? What about uncles and aunts? Do we have any cousins like Pearl does?
It's okay if you don't wanna answer now. Maybe another time.
Um...
Teehee, you sure have your uncle's spirit.
Really? So we do have an uncle. What was he like?
Well, he could be clumsy sometimes, but he always knew what to do. And he was very protective of me.
Heh, daddy must have had a hard time getting close to you.
Yup...
Teehee.
Are you the oldest?
No, Jolteon is the oldest.
I see.
And he seems to keep his distance too.
That's just him. He's weird, crazy weird.
Sis, don't call big bro weird.
I'm just stating the truth.
I suppose I missed a lot...
The last time I saw the three of you, you were just eggs.
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Now look at you all, you're big and strong.
If only that day never happened...
Mom...
Well, what's done is done.
Maybe a hug can cheer grandma up.
That's sweet.
Mommy, are you going back with Mrs. Rin and Mr. Bolt?
Well, yes. I don't want to bother you.
Why would you bother us? I know, why don't you visit us from time to time or we visit you?
That would be nice...
I'm sorry...! I-it's been so long since I've thought I lost you... I... I didn't know how I'd react to finding you...
It's okay, mom. I know it must be hard...
I... I never want to let you go... again... but...
Mommy, we could always see each other from now on...
Right...?
Waaah! I don't want you to leave too!
W-we just found each other... I wish we could have more time...
Hey, mom...

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I'm sorry I was trying to stay away!
...?
A lot of things happened and I--
It's not your fault, don't apologize.
Will... you forgive me, mom...?
Of course, I forgive you, Red.
Red... Is that my real name?
Now you do.
Yes... Your dad and I never got a chance to name you.
What about me and Sunny?
You would be Blue, and he would be Green.
Green... It would have been even better if I was a Leafeon.
It's okay, sis. It's in the past now.
Sorry...
What matters is we still have each other.
I've seen... a world where I had lost everything...
I don't want it to come true... Not this time...
Whatever you've seen, it must be just a nightmare.
I suppose...
Mind if I hold you four... a little while longer?
We don't mind.
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Hey, little sis. You seem less cheerful than usual. Anything bothering you?
Oh, it's nothing...
Maybe this could cheer you up!
B-big brother, what are you doing?
If there's one thing I learnt from Yellow's little Sunshine, it's that a hug is all we need in this kind of situation.
Hehe, we haven't hugged like this for years. I sometimes forgot how adorable you are.
Big brother-Gai?
Yeah?
Sorry for leaving out of the blue back at the shore...
Don't bother, that was an understandable reaction after hearing what I said.
What did you say to him?
Oh, nothing. Just told the truth about my hobby.
Hobby...?
Big brother! Why?
Well, he deserves to know the truth.
Hehe... Why do I look up to him...?
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Sometimes I feel like our little Axel grew up too fast.
That's our boy.
You should be grateful to have an amazing son like him.
Some of us were like him too at his age.
Hours later...
I guess this is goodbye then.
Bye-bye, daddy!
No goodbye for me?
I was going to say it, but I guess now I don't have to.
Wait, I'm sorry.
Okay, goodbye, big brother!
You two.
Later, you guys. It's been fun.
Bye-bye, big brother-Gai!
Hey, Franklin!

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It's Frank.
Just messing with you. We can hang out sometimes if you want.
Thanks for the invitation, but I'll only accept it if it's a family gathering with our children.
Sounds good to me.
Pearl, please take good care of our little baby. And don't forget to sign him up for exchanging school.
I'll send his application tomorrow to your mother. Make sure to visit her by then.
I will.
Don't worry, mom. Cousin-Pearl will take good care of me.
Your dad and I will be visiting you once a week. Love you.
Have fun with your cousin and new friends.
Bye!
We'll be going now, see all of you later. And Pearl, see you tomorrow.
Hope to see you all again soon.
See you soon, mommy!
Later, mom!
Bye-bye, grandma!
Oh, I almost forgot.
I'll let you know if he'll be free or not when we visit you next weekend.
Thank you, Mr. Bolt.
Who were you talking about?
It's nothing.
See you later!
Later, guys!

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Bye-bye!
Miss you all!
Bye-bye!
Bye, mom! Bye, dad!
Bye, Mrs. Mollie!
Goodbye!
Bye!
Bye-bye!
It's over, isn't it?
Yeah.
Welcome to the team, little guy!
Hehe.
Anyway, I think we'll go out for dinner tonight. Where should we go?
How about a BBQ place?
Sounds yummy!
Aye!
Sounds good.
Yup.
Not a bad idea.
Alright, we'll go out for a BBQ tonight.
Okay, my treat.
Well... I just thought that I could do it as a welcome for Axel.
Your treat?
Sounds fair.
Let's go home!
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Later...
Welcome to your new home.
Wow... It's huge!
Home sweet home...
Hmm...
Is there anything wrong?
Yes, we'd better start cleaning this place up right now.
That's the first thing that comes to your mind when you get home?
I'll go clean my room.
Me too.
I'll do it as well.
Alright then, all of you go clean your own room. Speed will take care of the rest of the house.
Aw, come on. We just got back.
Yeah, can't we just wait until tomorrow?
No, go clean your room. Axel, Sunshine, come with me.
What a bummer. Are you thinking what I'm thinking?
Totally.
What?
Just follow my lead.
Oh, Speedy~
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Could you please clean our rooms for us~?
Please~? Do it for Glaceon too~
We even bought you this cleaner~
Okay, okay, fine.
Hmm...
I've never thought that would work.
You have a lot to learn.
Since we don't have to clean our rooms, what do we do now?
Well... There may be some ice cream left in the fridge.
Let's eat it!
Meanwhile...
So this is your room...
It's awesome! Where do you sleep?
I sleep here with big sis-Pearl.
Okay!
You two, behave while I'm cleaning the room.
Later...
All done.
Okay, are you ready for the tour around the house?
Yup.
Can I come too?
Sure, let's start with the ground floor up until the top floor. After that, we'll see the backyard.

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This is one of our living rooms.
One of your living rooms?
Well, we have two living rooms. One for us and one for guests.
Oh.
This is our second living room on the first floor. We would hang out together most of the time.
That's nice.
There's not much on this floor other than a bathroom. Now for the second floor.
I've already showed you this room. This is my room, Sunshine also sleeps here with me.
I already know.
This is Black's room.
Hello.
Hi.
Let's not disturb him.
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This is Flare's room.
Hello, big brother-Flare!
Big brother!
Oh, hi.
How are you doing?
Great.
Good, almost done now.
This is Lazuli's room.
Wow, she really did clean her room.
Big sister-Lazuli has a lot of books.
Yup, she just loves reading them.
Do you like books?
It depends on what kind of books they are.
Let's go to the third floor.
This is Leafeon's room.
Hi, there.
Hello!
Need any help?
No, thanks. I'm good. I'm sure my sister would.
I don't think she needs any. Her room is cleaned.
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Really? That's unusual, but good.
Okay.
Yeah, we'll be going now.
This is Crystal's room.
It's cleaned too.
This is daddy's room!
Oh, he's already asleep.
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Hey, look over there!
It's his video game! Awesome!
Uh ah, not now.
But...
You can play it after the tour, but make sure to ask his permission too.
Okay...
I can ask daddy to play it too.
Oh cool!
This is Silvia's room...
Even her room is cleaned. Those three sure worked fast for someone who didn't want to clean their own rooms.
Maybe it's really because they don't like doing it that they did it very fast?
Like I hate beans, thus beans are the first things I'd eat if my mom insists putting them on my plate so I can enjoy the whole meal later.
Could be. Let's just move on to the fourth floor.

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This floor isn't occupied. We mostly put small boxes here. For big boxes, we put it in our warehouse.
You have a warehouse?
Yup, I'll show you later.
Okay.
This is the final floor.
Wow, it's so high up here.
Let's go back downstairs.
This is our kitchen.
Hey, big sis-Crystal, Silvia, and Lazuli are eating ice cream.
Oh hey, wanna join us?
No, thank you.
Let's move on to the backyard.
This is Leaf's and Flare's garden.
Wow...
Big sis-Leafy and big brother love gardening.
Nice!
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Look at that pond, it's huge.
Cool!
You could say that, we sometimes hang out here on the weekends too.
What's that weird box behind the bush?
Oh.
That's just the generator.
Let's move on to the last place, the warehouse.
Yup.
Alright, then we can rest!
This is our warehouse.
There are many boxes here.
Most of them are just housing supplies.
yawn
Sunshine, are you okay?
Aye...
Come on, let's get you two some rest. We're going sightseeing in the evening after all.
Oh boy!
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That evening...
Is everyone ready?
Yup!
Okay.
Daddy, can Axel and I ride on your back?
Yay!
Just wondering... Can I sit with you at the restaurant?
Sure, I suppose.
What about me?
Sorry, I want Sunshine to sit near me.
Aw, I'll sit with her then.
Suit yourself.
Something tells me you're jealous.
I'm not jealous!
Yeah, why would she be?
Let's just focus on the road.
Soon...
I wish there was some kind of vehicle we can use so we wouldn't have to walk a long way...
Maybe in the future. You've seen what it's like on Alpha Island, right?
Yup, too bad the place we live in isn't as advanced as that place.
They're already doing their best advancing the tech here. They recently obtained donations and scientists from Texo City. They plan to turn our town into a city in the near future.
Wow.
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I heard the first place they focused on was the main school of the town. It's funny that there's only one school in the entire town. At least it's very large.
I heard it too. I suppose it wasn't worth mentioning until now.
Advanced school? Sounds awesome!
It wasn't that great back then.
Yeah, it was all about battling after we reached the 5th level though the whole battling started from the first level. It just wasn't that highly focused on until the 5th. There were only 8 levels too.
There are still 8 levels now too. I don't know why, but 10, 11 and 12 years old are the average age for going out on adventures, applying for jobs and such. Though some jobs require us to be an adult to do them.
Oh, it's the same as where I lived.
That sounds complicated. Good thing I never went to school.
Later...
Axel, welcome to "Plasma Town", formerly known as Sunny Town.
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We're going to the cloth shop now, right?
Yay!
Of course.
Come on, let's go~!
No, no, no, wait--
?
Big brother?
Oh hey, never thought I'd run into you--
...guys?
Same here...
Big brother-Gai, would you join us for dinner?
I suppose so, I don't have anything to do anyway.
Your speaking seems to have improved a lot. Axel must be a good teacher, huh?
Teehee.
Cousin-Pearl, can he?
...put us down.
Sure, I guess... and Silvia...
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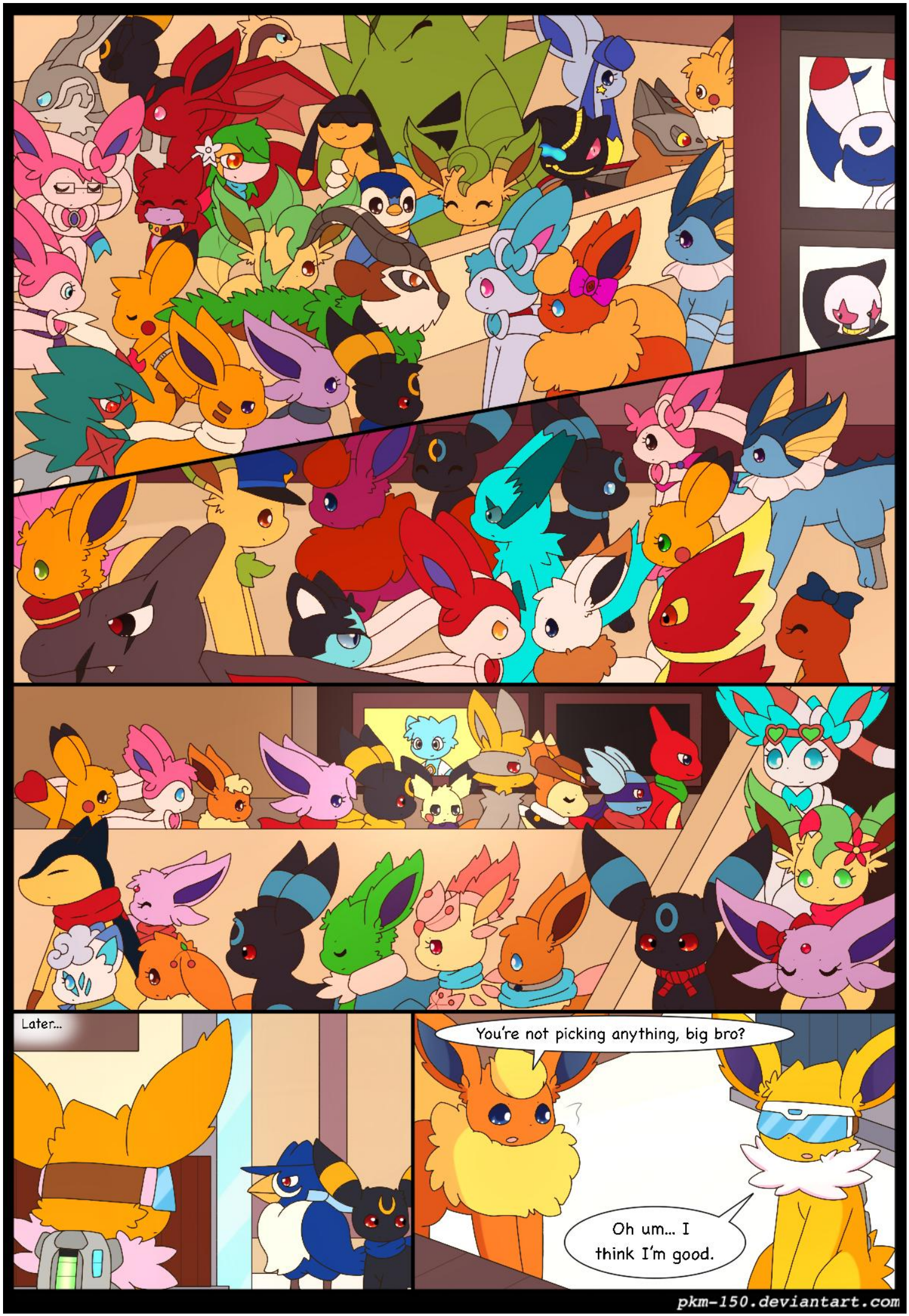

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At least pick a scarf or something.
Big brother-Speed?
Yeah?
What's that on your back?
Just don't touch it.
It's clearly a battery.
A battery? For what?
Hey, boys~
What do you think?
It's great.
You're super cute!
Thanks!
What do you think, Flare?
You're beautiful.
Daddy, look at me!
Cute.
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Hey, everyone!
Whatcha think?
You look great.
Now it's your turn to try out the clothing.
Does this include me?
Yup.
Yay! Big brother-Speed, come on!
I'm going to change my outfit, who's with me?
Ooh, me!
Me too! This vest is too tight. I'll just keep the hand bands.
I'm keeping mine. You girls go ahead.
Same.
We're done!
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Much better.
Really? More socks? Wait, I thought you two said--
Sorry, sis. Crystal made us.
It's not like we'll be wearing them all the time.
Not Sunshine too!
One of us! One of us!
So I was like what did you just say? And he was like please don't hurt me--
Huh?
Silvia, over here!
Oh hey, long time no see!
Silvia!
Group hug!
You know them?
Of course, we were classmates! Everyone, I want you to meet my old friends!

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Daisy...
Hi!
...and Nora!
Nice to meet you all!
Nice to meet you too!
Hello!
Hi!
H--
Don't say a word...
Eh?
What are you two doing here?
Same.
Just want to buy some clothing. What about you?
You sure changed a lot, you used to be very shy.
That was a long time ago.
Dude, it's been only 5 months.
Don't call me that!
Oh yes, I will~
Silvia is just messing with you.
You must be Pearl. Silvia talked a lot about you.
You're Pearl? You're even more beautiful when we meet up close.
Why thank you. You're also beautiful, both of you.
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Solar, what's wrong?
Don't look forward...
Forward? To who?
Daisy is looking at us.
Don't make eye contact!
Okay, okay, you don't have to yell.
Flare, what's wrong?
It's nothing.
Wait... I think I know you!
You're Black from Class-A, aren't you?
That's me.
Cool! You were very famous in school!
You were Black the Eevee?
Wow! Pleasant to meet you!
Uh...
So... Silvia, is he your boyfriend?
Nope, we're just housemates.
Being housemates doesn't mean you two can't be a cute couple.
Are you... teasing me?
You're living with a famous boy. Of course, I am.
He's not the only famous boy around.
Are you pointing at that visor boy?
That guy is famous? Get out of here! Who's he? Probably a nerd.

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Well, he--
He...
He's... um... okay?
Knew it, I bet he's one of those contemptible fools I just beat up.
That's just mean, Nora.
So you two are my little sister's friends...
Silvia... Is this your pervy brother you told us about...?
I gotta say, you're very cute.
T-thanks.
Grrr...
Flare, you're on fire! Put it out!
As for you... I don't take kindly to a bad-mouthing girl, especially the one who insulted Yellow!
And I don't take kindly to a creep. Is that nerd your sidekick or something?
Nope, nope, nope!
He's creepy...
That's just him.
Say that one more time! I dare you!
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You two, stop!
This brings back memories...
Not the big brother I know...
Sorry if our meeting is short, we have to go now.
Hey, why don't you two join us?
That's sweet of you, but no, thank you. Not with that creep around.
All of you enjoy your time.
Aw, if you say so.
Bye!
Good bye.
Soon...
Big brother, what was wrong with you?
He forgot about CC already?
I... I've never felt so alive! I think I found a crush!
Who wants to go to the coffee shop? My treat!
Are you sure you could pay for all of us?
Yes, you have already paid a lot for the clothing. Now it's my turn to do it.
Drinking coffee in the evening?
We could always have cocoa, we haven't had any for years.
I don't know what that is, but it sounds tasty.
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Um, Solar. Care to explain what happened back then?
That Delcatty...
Daisy? What about her?
She was my wife...
Oh... so that was why you were so strange. She's actually very cute, I can see why you fell in love with her.
sigh It was just unsettling to see her young and well after the last time I saw her... I now understand why our big brother from the original timeline subconsciously wished to never meet his wife ever again.
Big bro from the original timeline?
Never mind.
Soon...
Is it really okay for you to remove your bandages?
My back still hurts a little, but all the bruises are gone so it's fine.
Mind if I sit here?
Sure.
About what happened back at the cloth shop...
Oh, don't mind them. They were just messing around.
Yeah... I um...
How do you feel about our relationship?

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Great, what about it?
Listen, I--
It was nothing.
What were you two talking about?
Good... cuz I've got my eyes on you.
Gai seems quite overprotective of his little sister... which is unusual.
You're not going to say anything? It's just the two of us.
sigh
Sorry... for everything. I know I've said this plenty of times already, but I just... didn't think it was enough.
Sorry that I hurt you over and over. Sorry that I couldn't... act like a normal girl.
I know you were angry, you have a heart and a soul. You suddenly fell silent which made me worry.
But all I want to say is...
...win and achieve your goal because I believe you'll be okay no matter what happens. And I know...
...you're hiding something from us, something you have to do alone. I don't know or care what that is. Just don't stop, clear it, you can do it.
I'll always believe in you because believe it or not... I love you. No matter how small the chance that you'd accept me as your girlfriend...
Did you just confess to me?

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I can't believe I just said that casually!
Dummy, dummy!
Hey um... calm down, take a deep breath. I already knew you had a crush on me.
What...? And the whole time you didn't say anything?
I just.. didn't think it was a good idea to bring it up... after the whole I beat you up thingy...
Okay... this is awkward... Silvia wouldn't happen to be the one who told you, would she?
I knew it.
It was her...
I'm going to get rejected, aren't I?
No-- I mean I don't know. Every girl I asked out rejected me so... I don't know how to feel about this... especially in my current condition.
You also rejected every girl who asked you out if my knowledge was right.
I... haven't rejected any... I just ran and ran.
And what'd stop you from doing the same to me?
At least you're showing emotions again... so no matter what the answer would be, it's worth it.
You know... you're starting to sound like Pearl.

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Look, I may not really be into any relationship right now, but...
I'm willing to give our relationship a shot, same reason I'm willing to do the same for Silvia.
If we can't last together, we could always go separate ways.
I like the sound of that.
You're way cuter this way, why didn't you behave like this long ago?
How should I know?
Does... this mean we're dating now? How are we supposed to tell everyone?
You don't need to tell anyone cuz I'll be the one to do so~
Hey, guys! You wouldn't believe it! Jolteon and Glaceon are now dating!
Crystal!
Let her be.
She didn't see my eyes, did she?
She wouldn't have cared about your eyes. This is bothersome.
Later...
So Yellow and Lazuli are now a couple...
You're still willing to have my little sister as your second girlfriend, right?
Um...
I take that as a yes~
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What was he mumbling about?
I'm happy for my sister and Speed.
Mhmm.
I wasn't expecting the confession to be so casual.
You were watching the whole thing?
Big sis-Crystal is weird.
Aye.
Hey, um... after dinner, would you hang out with me, just the two of us?
Pearl said we would go sightseeing for a few more hours after dinner.
Sure, I suppose, but I have to ask Pearl or anyone to distract my big brother.
Why not the kids? They like him.
Sounds like a plan--
Ah, sorry! I wasn't looking where I was going!
It's alright, I wasn't looking either.
Please excuse us, we have to leave now.
Black, come on. That's rude! Sorry again!
Cute girl.
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Why do I feel like I've met that Shiny Sylveon before?
I'm quite sure the other versions of us had met and been friends with him.
So you're telling me the memory of the other versions of us is messing with my head...
Pretty much, I'm grateful that you're not going insane by now.
If you didn't go insane, why would I?
That's... actually a good question.
Later...
Here's the menu.
Please take your time.
Thank you, we'll take the Special BBQ Set 1.
Special Set 1... Anything else?
Whoa, this place serves ramen at night?
Ramen, udon, soba, they're all still available during nighttime.
Daddy, I wanna try ramen!
Okay, we'll have a ramen.
One ramen, got it. What would you like to drink?
Soda pops! Make them icy cold.
Noted. Anything else?
That's all for now.
Your order will arrive shortly. If you need anything, please let us know.

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Thank you!
Speed, you sure you still want to pay for everything?
Yes.
So... Why do we call this BBQ when it's just vegetables on the grill?
It's based on an old version of the word. Everything is the same except the original one mostly favored meats over vegetables.
Oh.
Hey, since you're living with us from now on, you'll need a nickname.
Nickname?
You know what Crystal is referring to.
Oh... Are you going to call me Shiny Eevee?
Shiny Eevee is a bit too long... I think I'll just call you Shiny. Is it good?
Shiny... Well, it's not bad.
Okay, Shiny it is because I don't think we'll have another shiny member anytime soon.
Shiny is cute!
U-uh?
N-no...
Is anything wrong?
Ooh~ You're blushing~
Crystal, cut it out. Anyway, I forgot to mention. Axel will be sleeping with Speed from now on.
Okay...
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Is CC gone for good?
About that, she went back to her home, right?
She's home now or at least I think she is. Who knows where that portal took her.
I wonder if the school here is different from where I studied.
Speaking of school... Sunshine should also be able to start her first class.
That's great.
I'll get Axel's application from my mom tomorrow. The day after tomorrow, I'll take Sunshine and Axel to sign up for school.
When will the new class start?
The school is currently on break until next month. Due to the new schedule, the class would start on DEC 1st and would finish on SEP 1st rather than FEB.
That means Sunshine has 3 weeks left to prepare since we're still in NOV.
That's not a new schedule. It's the same.
Oh.
For your hometown, yes, but not here.
Sunshine, are you excited for your first day at school?
Aye!
Sorry to keep you waiting.
Here's your ramen.
Wah...
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Here you go. Enjoy!
Thank you.
What are we waiting for? Grill them.
On it.
It's yummy!
Oh goshy!
Later...
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I'm full.
Okay, everyone, it's sightseeing time.
Yay!
Sweetie, why don't you and Axel spend time with big brother-Gai?
Aye!
Big brother-Gai, come on!
Whoa, calm down, kiddos.
Problem solved. Shall we go?
Right.
You two stay safe and have fun.
I know, mom, you don't need to tell me that--
Mom?
Let's just go...
Okay, regroup with you guys later!
Okay, then... What just happened?
Soon...
So what do you wanna do?

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I just want some alone time with you... to talk things out.
What do you want to talk about?
I know it's sudden to say this... Ever since the day I met you for the first time...
...I have fallen in love with you. You're so beautiful and sweet. I want to spend my whole life with you.
And I know, I might take things too fast. Please hear me out, I want nothing more than to make you happy.
Would you be my girlfriend?
I'm sorry, I can't be your girlfriend.
Why? Am I not good enough?
No, it's because...
I'm a boy...
What...?
You almost gave me a heart attack...
Just messing with you! I can't believe you actually fell for that.
But really, I don't want to date you... I don't really like you... that way.
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Don't get me wrong. I enjoy spending time with you as a great friend. You're someone I could always rely on.
I'm sure you'll find someone better than me.
I see...
What do you mean?
Speaking of which, I hope you won't get mad at this.
The truth is... the Sylveon you hung out with on that island wasn't me.
It was Pearl.
What...?
Pearl turned into a Sylveon just to hang out with me?
Not exactly, she and I swapped bodies. Don't ask for details.
That... explains why I saw you cry.
You... what?
You made Pearl cry? What did you do?!
All I did was tell her how I felt about her.
Oh... you're not mad about the whole body swap, right?
I don't know. I mean I just got rejected by the girl I love. At least you're honest...
Let's just go... get some cotton candy.
Sure!
Things may not always go the way we want.
Sometimes we just want to let go and start over.
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Even though we can't go back to create a new beginning, we can still always try again to make a new ending.
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